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1. ACCORDING TO FRENCH AMBASSADOR DE LEUSSE, SIX OF SEVENTY FRENCH LECTURERS (INSTRUCTORS) IN THE USSR ON LONG-TERM CONTRACTS WITH MINHIGHERED HAVE BEEN TOLD THEIR CONTRACTS FOR COMING SCHOOL YEAR WILL NOT BE RENEWED. ORDINARILY THE CONTRACTS WOULD BE ROUTINELY RENEWED FOR THE SCHEDULED TWO/THREE YEARS THAT THE INDIVIDUALS AGREE TO STAY IN THE SOVIET UNION. THE FRENCH EMBASSY HAS ONLY BEEN TOLD THAT THAT ACTION WAS DUE TO PEDOGOGICAL INCAPABILITY" OF THE SIX; AN EXPLANATION IT CONSIDERS INADQUATE. IN THE CASE OF ONE FEMALE LECTURER THE SOVIETS ADDED CHARGES OF BLACKMARKETEERING, A TRAFFIC VIOLATION AND UNAUTHORIZED TRAVELLING IN A RESTRICTED AREA. CONFIDENTIAL

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- 2. THUS FAR THE SOVIETS REFUSE TO DISCUSS THE MATTER AND DE LEUSSE HAS BEEN UNABLE TO GET APPOINTMENT WITH MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION.
- 3. THE FRENCH HERE ARE UPSET AT THIS TURN OF EVENTS ON TWO COUNTS, FIRST, THEY CONSIDER IT A VIOLATION OF

THE SPIRIT OF THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED GROMYKODE GUIRINGAUD AGREEMENT (REFTEL) AND A POOR BEGINNING TO THE PERIOD FOLLOWING THE BREZHNEV PARIS VISIT.

SECONDLY, THE OBJECT TO THE LAST MINUTE NOTICE GIVEN TO THE FRENCH TEACHERS WHO ARE FACE WITH THE PROSPECT OF NO WORK IN FRANCE FOR THE COMING SCHOOL YEAR BECUASE FRENCH TEACHING POSITONS HAVE BEEN FILLED ALREADY. TOON

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